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Title: METHOD FOR SUPPLY OF
STARTER CULTURES HAVING A
CONSISTENT QUALITY

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, and 21 as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A method for supply of a starter culture with a consistent quality for one-step inoculation of a cultivation medium, comprising the steps of:

- (i) supplying a stock inoculum material comprising a concentrate of starter culture organism cells;
- (ii) using a subset of said stock inoculum material for direct inoculation of a cultivation medium for subsequent production of starter cultures with a consistent quality ;

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